

~~RESTRICTED~~

400483

April 19, 1949

Captain James H. Russell  
Division of Military Application  
Haines Finley, Administrative Officer  
Division of Biology and Medicine  
BIKINI RESURVEY

Access # 326-78  
Box 3  
FILE = NMF3 A

REFER TO  
SYMBOL:

BMA:JRP

In confirmation of discussions held between you, Dr. Jensen, Col. Frouse and myself on April 15th, the Division of Biology and Medicine would like to have you explore the possibilities of securing Navy Cooperation for a resurvey expedition to Bikini, Eniwetok, and possibly some other Pacific island on approximately the same basis as last year's expedition. For your information last year's expedition was on the following schedule:

Transportation for party was provided by Garde from Seattle to San Francisco; left San Francisco June 27th via NAFS; stopover at Honolulu; arrived Eniwetok June 30th; left Eniwetok by ship to arrive Bikini July 3rd; remained Bikini through July 20th; at Eniwetok July 21st to July 30th; return trip via NAFS.

The party consisted of Dr. Donaldson as group leader, Lt. Schmidt as Navy Liaison Officer, and eleven other members. The Navy provided two small ships in the forward area for transportation, living accommodations and laboratory facilities. An LCI was used for deck laboratory space, etc. An AG was used for transportation of three small landing craft used as work boats in the lagoon. Provision was made for transportation of between 800 and 1,000 pounds of equipment.

In addition to seeing what transportation and support arrangements can be provided by the Navy Department this year we should like to have an estimation of the cost. You will recall that last year a transfer of \$20,000 was made to the Navy Department.

We should also like to have confirmation that the Navy Department will issue ID-cards to the members of the party in lieu of securing passports. Last year this procedure was approved by the Passport Division of the State Department.

Upon advice from you that some satisfactory arrangements may be possible this year, we will request Dr. Donaldson to submit a detailed itinerary for the expedition and proceed with necessary clearance procedures for the personnel involved. It is understood that the classification for this project will be RESTRICTED.

cc: Col. P. T. Frouse  
Dr. James H. Jensen ✓

CLASSIFICATION REVIEW
1. CLASSIFICATION (CIRCLE NUMBER)
2. CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO
3. CONTAINING NO USE CLASSIFIED INFO
4. COORDINATE WITH
5. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
6. CLASSIFIED INFO BRACKETED
SINGLE REVIEW AUTHORITY BY
REVIEWER (ADD)
NAME
DATE

5004885

~~RESTRICTED~~

Bikini  
1096